

is before this body for a very specific purpose. Presently, the Papio Natural Resource District is negotiating with HUD for the acquisition of this property which exceeds, approximately is 627 acres. Of that amount, a little over 300 of that is in water. You are all aware of the fact that in eastern Nebraska there is very little in terms of facility that accomodates people for the use of leisure time. What this resolution does is describes the legal facility in great detail and also gives assurance to the Papio Natural Resource District, which will be meeting Thursday for this purpose, that if they do indeed negotiate with HUD that there will be the management of this facility under the auspices of the State Game and Parks Commission. This is a resolution very similar to that one sponsored by Senator Kahle and Senator Cope late last session on a piece of land that was acquired for the Bass Strip out near Kearney. The fiscal impact of this proposed resolution, if indeed the purchase is made, the title is given to the Game and Parks Commission, presently will not exceed as we anticipate it \$56,000 for the first year under the management of the Game and Parks Commission. If indeed the public does not acquire this property, there is a very good chance that there are those in the private sector who will bid for this property with HUD. You are all aware that land does appreciate and particularly in eastern Nebraska. There is a constant appreciation. What I am saying to you this morning is that I think eastern Nebraska is deserving of a facility when you have a half a million people who usually, and not all of them, naturally, but many of them are seeking a facility for various types of water activities and other types of facilities for camping and things of that nature. The Game and Parks Commission in meetings that we have had are willing to assume title for a brief period of time. If and when the City of Omaha were ever to annex and this facility were to become completely surrounded by the city, then no doubt the title of this facility then would be passed on to the Jurisdiction of the City of Omaha for a park to be used by that facility for the needs of the citizens of that city, that great city. I am asking you, as my colleagues, not to offer a great deal of debate on this because I think the issue has been put before you very succinctly, very candidly and hopefully you will give it a unanimous vote by giving it all green. Thank you.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have a motion on the desk.

PRESIDENT: Read the motion.

CLERK: I move that LR 150 be referred to the appropriate Standing Committee as determined by the Reference Committee, and that is offered by Senator Lamb.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lamb.

SENATOR LAMB: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, it seems to me that we are dealing with an issue here that many of us are not familiar with. We don't know exactly what we are talking about. The only thing we really know is that 650 acres, this is to give permission for the Game Commission to acquire 657 acres near Omaha. Now I don't know if this is a good idea. I doubt if very many persons in here at this point know whether or not this is the proper way to go. I suggest that we give the people